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1. EMBOFF DISCUSSED GENERAL US VIEWS ON OUTCOME OF
ORGANIZATION MEETING OF UN OVERVIEW COMMITTEE WITH
DR. SULIMMA (FOREIGN OFFICE) AND ASKED WHAT FRG
REACTIONS HAD BEEN. SULIMMA SAID FRG REACTION TO
MEETING WAS POSITIVE AND VERY SIMILAR TO US VIEWS. HIS
UNDERLYING WORRY, HOWEVER, WAS THAT THE FIRST MEETING
HAD GONE SO WELL AND POSITIONS APPEARED TO BE SO
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REASONABLE THAT HE WONDERED WHETHER THIS MOOD COULD
REALLY BE SUSTAINED. (PARENTHETICALLY HE ADDED THE
FRG HAD BEEN SURPRISED AND PLEASED AT THE FINE
PERFORMANCE OF THE ALGERIAN CHAIRMAN, JAZAIRI).

2. ONE THING WHICH SULIMMA BELIEVED MIGHT POSE A
PROBLEM FOR THE FUTURE WAS WIDE-OPEN DOOR TO CONVOKE

EMERGENCY OR CRISIS-TYPE MEETINGS OF THE COMMITTEE.
HE VISUALIZED G-77 PRESSURE FOR CALLING SUCH MEETINGS,
WHENEVER DIFFICULTIES HAPPENED TO OCCUR IN OTHER BODIES
DISCUSSING NORTH/SOUTH ISSUES. THE ONLY OTHER
IMMEDIATE PROBLEM FOR THE FRG WAS THAT THE SCHEDULING
OF TWO MEETINGS SO CLOSE TOGETHER (MAY AND JUNE) MIGHT
POSE TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES FOR THEM.

3. FINALLY, SULIMMA MENTIONED THAT THE SUBJECT OF
THE OVERVIEW MECHANISM HAD BEEN GIVEN TO STATE
MINISTER VON DOHNANYI AS A POSSIBLE ITEM TO BE RAISED
DURING HIS VISIT IN WASHINGTON NEXT WEEK.
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